

Speech & Language Ages and Stages

What to expect
by age...

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Disclaimer...

All children follow slightly different patterns of development. These guides are intended for information only and are based on what the 'majority' of children do at these ages.

If your child is following a different pattern of development, discuss your observations with their childcare setting, GP or Health Visitor.

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Social Interaction

Children enjoy playing with familiar caregivers.

Children have early ‘conversations’ where they respond to talk with babble. Children smile in response to others smiling at them.

Attention and Engagement

Children have ‘fleeting’ attention and tend to move quickly between activities.

Children enjoy listening to sounds and will turn if they hear people talking.



Understanding Others

Children understand familiar routines and are starting to understand simple instructions (e.g. “where’s Mummy?”; “show me Teddy”).

Expressive Communication

Children use lots of babble (e.g. baba; dada) and gestures (including pointing and reaching) to share their thoughts and make requests.

Some children may use a couple of single words.

Clear and Smooth Speech

Children babble using a range of sounds.

New words might sound unclear.



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